(c) to (e) as per the recruitment rules these employees can only be regularised against vacant Group D posts in the Central Passport Organisation (CPO). These vacancies, as and when they arise, are filled up by promoting the senior most casual worker in the concerned zone.

Atomic fuel supply by America

†1165. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether America has given its nod to supply fuel for Tarapur Atomic Plant recognizing India as a Nuclear Power;

(b) if so, whether any agreements have been signed between the two countries in this regard; and

(c) if so, the conditions and details of the agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Following Prime Minister's talks with the US President during his visit to Washington D.C. on July 18, 2005, the US President conveyed that he would seek agreement from Congress to adjust US laws and policies, and the United States will work with friends and allies to adjust international regimes to enable full civil nuclear energy cooperation and trade with India, including but no limited to expeditious consideration of fuel supplies for safeguarded nuclear reactors at Tarapur.

(b) and (c) The two leaders agreed to establish a Working Group to undertake on a phased basis in the months ahead the necessary actions to fulfil these commitments.

US envoy's visit to New Delhi

1166. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a US special envoy Ms. Sherin Tahir Kheli, tasked with developing Washington's position on UN-reforms including expansion and democratization of the UN Security Council, visited New Delhi in May this year;

(b) if so, what was the US proposal put forth and articulated by Ms. Tahir; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what was Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. During her visit in May, 2005 to New Delhi, Ms. Shirin Tahir-Kheli, Special Adviser to the US Secretary of State on UN Reform, discussed a range of issues relating to UN reforms, including proposals on Human Rights Council, Peace Building Commission, International Terrorism, Democracy, Management reforms and UN Security Council reform and restructuring. This provided an opportunity for mutual exchange of views on these issues.

Indo-Pak talks

1167. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks are being held with Pakistan Government at various levels;

(b) if so, the issues discussed, particularly since June, 2004, indicating those on which it has been conclusive as well as those on which there have wide difference;

(c) whether Pakistan was provided with details of fugitives from law in India who had been sheltered there requiring them to be handed over to India;

(d) if so, the chronological development, if any, relating thereto in course of the ongoing talks; and

(e) the specific steps taken, if any, by two Governments towards extradition of those fugitives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Significant developments have taken place in India-Pakistan relations since April, 2003. Relations have been restored at the level of High Comissioners, transport and communication links have resumed, one round of Composite Dialogue has been completed; the second round has been initiated by the Foreign Secretaries meeting in December, 2004 and is currently in progress.

People to people exchanges are taking place across the spectrum in large numbers. There has been a resumption of visits by pilgrim groups. Our High Commission is issuing close to 10,000 visas per month. The ceasefire, being observed along the Inernational Border, the LOC, and the